

Northwest Resource Advisory Council 2/19/2015 Meeting
WRFO's Travel Management Planning Update

Subgroup

At the December 2014 RAC meeting, the WRFO requested that the RAC consider forming a subgroup to assist with the upcoming travel management planning efforts. In order to proceed, the WRFO needs the RAC to make final decisions on:

1. subgroup members
2. the roles and responsibilities guidance document
3. identification of a RAC member to serve as a liaison for the subgroup

If the RAC makes these decisions today, then the BLM will begin contacting subgroup members. We want to get everyone that is able to attend enrolled in our travel management training class which will be held March 18 & 19 in Meeker. Prior to that March training, we want to get the subgroup together for their first meeting so that they can be introduced to one another and also so we have a chance to go over the roles and responsibilities of the subgroup.

Potential subgroup members include:

User Group/Interest	Category	Name	Agency/Group	Town
Livestock Grazing Permittee	1	Jerry Oldland	N/A	Rifle, CO
Oil & Gas	1	Annette Garrigues	Williams	Parachute, CO
Motorized (OHV)	1	Alvin Jones	Wagon Wheel OHV Club	Meeker, CO
Motorized (OHV)	1	Brad Casto	N/A	Rangely, CO
Motorized (OHV)	1	David Bray	Yampa Valley Trail Riders	Craig, CO
Special Recreation Permit Holder (Outfitter)	1	Monty Elder	Rim Rock Outfitters	Rangely, CO
Wilderness/Roadless Areas	2	Soren Jespersen	The Wilderness Society	Craig, CO
Sportsmen (Hunters/Anglers)	2	Nick Payne	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Denver, CO
Sportsmen (Anglers)	2	Aaron Kindle	Trout Unlimited	Denver, CO
Environment/Wildlife	2	Sasha Nelson	Conservation Colorado	Craig, CO
Non-Motorized (Hiker/Biker)	2	Roy Wedding	N/A	Meeker, CO
Non-Motorized (Hiker/Biker)	2	Don Peach	N/A	Rangely, CO
Equestrian	2	Diane Mobley	White River Riders Saddle Club	Meeker, CO

Cooperating Agencies

We've also extended invitations for federal, state, and local agencies to join us as cooperating agencies in developing the travel management plan amendment and encouraged them, if able, to attend the travel management training in March. The following agencies were invited:

Federal Agencies

- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- National Park Service, Dinosaur National Monument
- U.S. Forest Service, White River National Forest
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

State Agencies

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Local Agencies

- City of Craig
- City of Rifle
- Town of Dinosaur
- Town of Rangely
- Town of Meeker
- Garfield County
- Moffat County
- Rio Blanco County

Schedule Update

Route Inventory

We are working through edits to the 2014 travel route inventory (eastern portion of the field office) that were identified during internal scoping with the WRFO interdisciplinary team. We are planning to have the 2014 travel route inventory available for public scoping in mid-March. We plan to complete the travel route inventory of the remainder of the field office this year and are preparing for the 2015 travel route inventory by beginning the hiring process for interns.

Travel Management RMP Amendment (Land Use Planning)

Public involvement for the travel management plan amendment will begin with publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register. Our target publication date for the NOI and the start of public scoping is early May. We have also started pre-scoping public outreach regarding our travel management planning strategy by meeting with the Moffat County Land Use Board and have extended an offer to present our strategy to Rio Blanco County as well.

Route-by-Route Travel Management Planning (Implementation Level Planning)

After the WRFO has completed the travel route inventory for the entire field office and amended the travel management decisions in the 1997 RMP, then we will begin route-by-route planning in fall 2016.